

To-day's
Advertisements.HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
LUNG RANGE CUP AND SPOONS.

A COMPETITION for the above will be held to-morrow (SATURDAY), the 18th instant, at 3 P.M. RANGES—700 and 800 yards. Seven Shots and one Sighter. The Programme for the EASTER MEETING will be published early next week. Applications from those desirous of joining the Association should be sent to MOVBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Sec. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [35]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 136.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on FRIDAY, the 24th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information. By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [371a]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Friday, the 24th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
136	At the intersection of the Victoria Road and the Kowloon Road.	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1/4	10/6	10/6
137	At the intersection of the Victoria Road and the Kowloon Road.	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1/4	10/6	10/6
138	At the intersection of the Victoria Road and the Kowloon Road.	100 ft. by 100 ft.	1/4	10/6	10/6

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

I HAVE This Day resumed charge of the Company's business at this Port. A. S. MIHARA, Manager. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [367a]

LOST AND FOUND.

ON the 17th, West of Peddar's Wharf, TO-DAY, about 1 P.M., a LADY'S GOLD WATCH and SAFETY PIN ATTACHMENT. May be had on Application to the Undersecretary on proof of Ownership. A. C. ATKIN, Jack Office. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [372a]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

TWO CERTIFICATES for 17 Shares, numbered 4,381, 4,382 and 5,000 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of JOHN PEARCE having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that Two Duplicate Certificates for the said 17 Shares will be issued one (1) month hence, and that the Original Certificates unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [372a]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship "HAIKUN," Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [369a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship "YUEN-SANG," Captain P. H. Ruff, R.N., will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M. This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [368a]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

Calling at KAOCHIAU and WEIHAIWEI if Sufficient Inducement Offers. THE Company's Steamship "KWEIYANG," Captain Overbridge, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [366a]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Goods by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. This vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c., &c. S.S. India & Nankin. From Australia, &c. S.S. Orinda. From Penang, &c., &c. S.S. China & Assam. From Zanzibar, &c., &c. S.S. Canton. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 11.30 A.M. TO-DAY. Goods not cleared by the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised. H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [115]

To-day's
Advertisement.TO-NIGHT at 9. WEST POINT.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON at 3.

"Let 'em all come" to WARREN'S and Prof. BRISTOL'S EQUINE CURRICULEM. THE SECOND EDITION! GRAND CHANGE OF and PROGRAMME

MONSTER DOUBLE BILL. NEW ARTISTS. NEW SPECIALTIES! The Preceding Programme TOTALLY ECLIPSED. The Show that stands alone—Unrivalled. Irresistibly Triumphant. A Performance Reaching in Rousing Extravaganzas. USUAL PRICES. SEATS and DAY TICKETS at Messrs. COTTELL & Co. W. PFLUEGER, Press Representative. Hongkong, 17th March, 1899. [333a]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH-CLASS

SHERRIES.

B. SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal. Capsule.....\$10.80

C. MANZANILLA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, White Capsule.....12.00

CC. SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red Seal Capsule.....12.00

D. VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule.....14.40

E. EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE DRY, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner wines and suitable for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after-dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited, THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1899.

TELEGRAMS.

(By Telegraph.)

Special to the "Hongkong Telegraph."

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

THE SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT EXTENSION.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN RESOLUTIONS.

SHANGHAI, March 16th. 7.13 p.m.

A joint meeting of the British and American China Associations was held to-day, when the following resolutions were carried unanimously.

1.—That in view of the present deadlock in the matter of the Shanghai Settlement Extension, this meeting urges immediate and united vigorous action on the part of the British and American Governments to obtain a definite solution of the question which is vitally affecting the interests of the community.

2.—That the above resolution be wired to London, Washington and Peking.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH MINISTER TO CHINA. INDISPOSITION OF SIR CLAUDE MACDONALD.

LONDON, March 15th. The Times learns that Sir Claude Macdonald's health makes a short leave of absence imperative.

ITALY AND CHINA.

Admiral Count Canevaro (Minister for Foreign Affairs) announced in the Chamber, that the Government had disavowed and recalled Signor de Martino because he presented an ultimatum to China on his own initiative, whereas Italy had promised Great Britain and the other Powers to avoid force. Sir Claude Macdonald will represent Italy in China until Signor de Martino's successor is appointed. Italy adheres to her resolve concerning San Mun Bay, but will do her utmost to avoid force, which would greatly prejudice her friend England as well as other Powers.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says:—On the 17th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has risen on the China coast. The depression lies off the E. coast of Japan, and a high pressure area is central over N. China. Gradients moderate with fresh monsoon on the coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Moderate N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE issues in the Filipino case are to come before the full court for settlement.

FIVE hundred and sixty-three deaths were registered at Singapore last month. The ratio per thousand was 28.46.

WE understand that the maxim gun competition arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, will not take place.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Sanitary Board is called for 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, 18th inst., on account of more cases of Rinderpest at Kennedy's Stables, Causeway Bay.

A PRACTICE game at Hockey will take place on Tuesday, 21st instant, at 4.45 p.m., and on Thursday, 23rd, it is expected a match will be arranged England v. The World.

THERE was a case of small-pox on board the s.s. Sikh, which arrived at Singapore from Hongkong on the 9th inst, the victim being the chief officer, who was removed to the hospital.

CAPTAIN Thomas of the Port Adelaide, which had been wrecked off the coast of Lombok, safely reached Surabaya on the 10th of February in a boat with two mates and eleven sailors. From there, a steamer took them to Sourabaya.

TWO new steamships, to be named *Shenandoah* and *York*, have been laid down at Sheerness Dockyard. They are to have a displacement of 900 tons. Their engines are to be of 1,400 horse power under forced draught, with a speed of 13.5 knots per hour, and 1,100-horse power under natural draught, with a speed of 12.6 knots per hour. They are intended for service on foreign stations, and will be equipped with six 4-inch and four 3-pounder quick-firing guns. Both are to be ready for floating by the end of the year.

SHORTLY after two o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the third floor of No. 3, Wai Sun Lane off Jubilee Street, which is used as a bamboo and rattan store. The adjoining room of No. 5, also caught and both rooms were burnt out. The fire Brigade, in charge of Captain Superintendent May, however, prevented the fire spreading further. The damage to the mian store, which is insured in the North British Insurance Company for \$800, is estimated at \$4,000. The other premises are not insured.

THE Washington correspondent of the *Scottsman* writing under date of 15th February, says:—This is the first anniversary of the sinking of the *Maine*. Although it is not yet officially designated as a day of mourning, it is universally observed as such. Flags on buildings and shipping are hung at half-mast. Memorial services have been held in many churches. Mourning is observed throughout the country. Messrs. Griggs, of Philadelphia, have laid the keel of a new battleship to be called the *Maine*. It is believed that Congress will enact that the 15th February be henceforth observed as a day of mourning.

THE designs for the new American battleship *Maine*, the first that have been prepared since the war, show the influence of the lessons of Santiago. The new ship is almost completely covered with 5 in. and 12 in. steel armour. She will carry 300 tons more plating than British battleships of one-fifth greater size. She also carries two more 6-in. guns than the new British *Formidable*. Guns and armour on the day at Santiago. The new ship will have no wood on board that is not fireproofed. She will have engines of 16,000-horse power as against the *Formidable's* 15,000-horse power, and will steam eighteen or nineteen knots. Electricity, in accordance with Chief-Engineer Melville's recommendations, will be extensively used on board her to heat ammunition and move guns. She will have next to no unarmoured superstructure, and the fire-mains are all below the armoured deck, fitted at intervals with risers.

TO-NIGHT the new and revised programme of Warren's circus appears. Many innovations are promised while, the Sisters Warren's daring aerial act, "Sultana," and the acrobatic Altous are retained in a programme that is sure to please the most exacting. A new artist—Mollie, Zaida—makes her debut to-night in a sensational balancing act on the trapeze. Prof. Bristol's diminutive mule "Dynamic," known as the Equine Blondin, is another important feature. "Comanche" in a risible rocking-horse act and clever barrel rolling, and bell ringing is another specialty never produced here. "Merry Little Benham" will extract capital fun from mishaps and misunderstandings with Miss Posie Baynes. Among other features are mentioned Arabian pyramids, a juggling act by Mr. Byssch, a corn song and dance, and a Spanish dance by Miss Ethel Warren, amusing spinning lights, bare back extravaganza trick act by Mr. West and a new extravaganza full of ludicrous situations, all of which contribute to a programme which promises to eclipse the first efforts of the Company.

THE Canadian Pacific steamer, that left this afternoon is taking to their homes 4 officers and 132 N. C. Os. and men of the American Army, who have been invalided home on account of wounds or diseases that have been contracted during the war in the Philippines. We are pleased to hear that all the cases are progressing favourably and that it is not expected that any will end fatally.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley in the semi-final for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield H.M.S. *Victorious* will play the Hongkong Football Club. Kick-off at half past four. Referee—Mr. J. W. L. Oliver. The Club team will be:—F. H. New, goal; A. S. Anton and H. Pinckney, backs; W. D. Mayson, C. T. Kew and W. H. Howard, halves; A. R. Lowe, H. W. Looker (Captain), J. F. Noble, H. C. B. Hancock, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

GRAND REVIEW IN HAPPY VALLEY.

To-day being St. Patrick's day, a grand review of all the available men in the garrison was held at the Happy Valley, and was witnessed by a large number of people, amongst whom could be recognised the Vice Admiral, Sir Michael Seymour, and staff, and Captains Clarke and Callaghan of H.M.S. *Undaunted* and *Hermione*. An enclosed space on the training course in front of the grand stand was provided with chairs for the wives and daughters of the officers who were taking part. Lady Blake and Miss Blake were also present and showed a keen interest in the soldiers as they passed by. By garrison orders issued last Tuesday the Adjutants were on the parade ground at 10 a.m. and local detachments of the various corps were to arrive at the parade ground at 11 a.m. The Royal Artillery, being the senior corps in the service, naturally took up their position on the right of the line, the European portion being on the extreme right and the Sikhs next, then came the Royal Engineers together with the natives who form part of our submarine mining defense. These two latter corps were under the command of Major Close R.A., Major Jefferys R.E. taking command of the Royal Engineers. On the left of the Royal Engineers followed the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who were under the immediate command of Major Morris R.W.F. The Colonel Mainwaring being in command of the Infantry Brigade. This gallant regiment had their guns, which were placed on the line, symbolical of the gallant line principally from which they derive their origin. On the extreme left were the Hongkong Regiment under the command of Colonel Redcliffe, and a very fine picturesque body of men they looked in their many-coloured uniforms. As the valley is hardly long enough for the whole line to extend, the Hongkong Regiment were obliged to take up their position slightly in the rear.

His Excellency the Governor accompanied by H.E. General Gascoigne and the staff arrived at the ground shortly after 10.30 and the whole parade "presented" arms, the regimental colours carried by the Royal Welsh and Hongkong Regiments dropped, while a royal salute was accorded Her Majesty's representative in this island. After the salute H.E. Sir Henry Blake rode along the line, inspecting the men as he passed, the band playing "May Bloom, Troops," which is the usual tune played during inspection. The Governor expressed himself greatly pleased with the smart appearance presented by the men. On completion of inspection, the "The Brigade" will march past in column from the right, rang out clear and distinct, and the line broke up to take up position to execute it, forming up with the "massed bands" of the R.W.F. and Hongkong Regiment in front. Passing H. E. the Governor, the band wheeled to their left and halted, leaving room for the companies to march past. As the Artillery, Engineers and Fusiliers have the same "march past" the band played the "British Grenadiers" while these three regiments were passing, but struck up "Malandan" the tune to which the Hongkong men march. The marching was exceptionally good. The Indians, comprising very favourably with their European comrades. The brigade then returned in battalions at quarter column distance in reverse order, namely from the left, the Hongkong Regiment leading. They again marched past in line, the R.A.s and R.E.s forming one line and the Infantry the other brigade line, after which the original positions were taken up in battalions, facing the grand stand, from which they advanced in mass, of quarter column to within a few paces of the Governor's position. A royal salute was then given, and the celebration finished. This Excellency spoke a few complimentary words to the commanding officers before the parade was marched off to their respective barracks.

By the kindness of Colonel The O'Gorman we are enabled to give the "exact number" of officers and men who took part in the ceremonial parade this morning.

Officers, N. Co. & Staff

Royal Artillery (European) 14 322

Hongkong Sikh R.A. 8 324

Royal Engineers 8 263

2nd R.W. Fusiliers 18 698

Hongkong Regiment 19 792

Totals 75 2,339

We believe in further commemoration of the day, it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor to give a dinner party to-night to which the leading Irishmen of the Colony will be invited.

CHINESE LEGATION SECRETARY SHOT.

An attaché of the Chinese Legation in Paris fired a revolver on the 10th inst. at Lien Yung, First Secretary of the Legation, and killed him. He then committed suicide. He had been suffering from cerebral trouble of a somewhat serious nature, had frequently protested against insignificant remarks and he declared that he was persecuted by his colleagues, and in particular by Lien Yung, who, he said, wanted to drive him to return to China. This fixed idea preyed upon his mind to such an extent that at one time it was seriously entertained to place the young man under special medical treatment. The idea, however, was not carried out. About 6 p.m. on the 10th he arrived at the Legation, and entering the office of Lien Yung, asked the latter to come with him into the corridor. Lien Yung consented, but he had scarcely left the room when the Attaché drew a revolver from his pocket and fired. The bullet entered Lien Yung's head just below the left ear, and the secretary fell, mortally wounded. The murderer fired two more shots at his victim, but both missed. Then turning his weapon against himself he lodged two bullets in his head. Alarmed by the reports, the domestics of the Legation ran up and found the two men lying side by side in a great pool of blood. The Chinese Minister had the bodies carried into one of the rooms, and ordered the Commissary of Police to be informed. The bodies were placed in treble coffins for conveyance to China, where they will be interred.

The circumstances connected with the tragedy make it particularly sad. The Secretary and Attaché by whom he was shot were both Manchus, belonging to the same clan. They were of much the same age, and had been friends from their earliest years. Both had studied together in the French department of the Tung-Wen-Kwan at Peking and both had been sent to Paris about the same time. Quite recently differences had arisen between them, apparently for the first time in their lives. The Attaché conceived the idea that the Secretary was intriguing to get him ordered back to China, and have him replaced by another friend. What foundation there may have been for this belief is not known, but the unfortunate Attaché kept brooding over his grievances, grew sullen and gloomy, and at last shot his former friend and then himself.

The saying that misfortunes never come singly is again exemplified, for the tragic affair has been followed by the attempted suicide of another Attaché, named Che-Ming, who on the evening of 13th inst. jumped into the Seine from the Pont Neuf. Che-Ming was a good French scholar, and accompanied the Chinese Minister to all official functions in the capacity of interpreter, though it may be remarked that Minister himself is an excellent French scholar. His frequent appearance at these ceremonies, he imagined, caused jealousy among his comrades; hence his attempt to end his days. He was, however, rescued by a policeman, who jumped into the river after him. His condition is reported to be satisfactory.—L. & C. Express.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

GENERAL ADVANCE EXPECTED.

[From our own Correspondent.]

MANILA, March 17th.

At last, the U. S. forces which have for some considerable time been practically lying on the defensive will soon commence offensive operations against the enemy. The re-inforcements that have arrived during the past week or so have been pushed to the front as fast as the exigencies of the circumstances permitted, and a general advance is reported to have been planned to take place in a few days. It is also reported in well-informed circles that a special flanking column, made up of a total of six thousand, representing the various organisations, will march from San Pedro Macati in the direction of Calocan and Malabon (it is believed that there are forty-five thousand Filipinos in this vicinity) driving the enemy towards the main line. Then the flanking column will maintain a line parallel to Malabon with the Philippines between this and the main American line. The enemy being hemmed in and between two fires, not to speak of the guns of the warships, they will have to either surrender or take the disagreeable alternative of being mercilessly slaughtered. This movement, if successfully accomplished, will prove a death-blow to the rebellion, for once this large force of men, who constitute the cream of Aguinaldo's army, is disposed of in one way or another the Americans will only have to contend with the force outside Cavite which is even easier to deal with than the force at Malabon and vicinity.

As I have said, this movement, if successful, will completely shatter the plans of aid and inflict a great blow to the Philippines, and for this reason, an overwhelming majority, if not practically the whole of Aguinaldo's forces were round Manila, in a way besieging the city. Every available man who could wave a bolo or carry a stick or shoulder a rifle was sent out to the front. The initial engagement of the outbreak of hostilities saw the Philippines—who were greatly excited as to their strength and ability and consequently assembled almost all their men in front of the American lines, not taking into consideration the probability, may not even the possibility of defeat, after a disastrous defeat, being repulsed with great loss of life. This defeat was, as a matter of fact, very disastrous to the Philippine cause and for a moment it appeared as if its decisive nature would bring on the end of the war. But it was not so; the Philippines propose to resist the Americans to the utmost, in spite of the fact that they are handicapped in everything, and as I have pointed out all available men and even boys have been sent to the front, leaving the interior, so road to Malabon etc., unguarded. So, once the force near and in Malabon is recalled, the Americans will be able to turn their attention to the enemy between here and Cavite and repeat the same operation to them. Then "then the war will be at end." This is plain, reasonable logic and I believe that the end is near at hand, and will be reached sooner than a large number of people ever expected. Of course there will be many who will not place any credence in what I have stated. I leave it, in the words of Shakespeare, "To that arbitrator, Time."

At seven o'clock yesterday morning, General Whelan's provisional brigade, consisting of the 20th and 22nd Regulars, seven companies of the Oregon, two battalions of the Washington's and Lt. Scott's battery of the 6th Artillery, with three troops of the mounted 4th Cavalry began a general advance from San Pedro Macati. The gunboat *Laguna de Bay*, preceded, throwing in common shells and pouring a hail of bullets into the Philippine positions. The Infantry then advanced and took Guadalupe with but slight resistance. The line then swung round and shortly occupied San Nicolas, the natives retreating towards Pasig and Taging. From the lively way in which the Philippines took to their heels it was evident that they being aware of the American reinforcements and the unavailability of their positions had made every preparation and were ready for a defeat. The captured positions were occupied and Lt. Scott's battery moved up the river road in position on the bluffs from which both Pasig and Palatoc were in range of the guns. Their advance was stopped by a river which is too wide to ford and too swift to swim. On the approach of night, the troops camped on the bluffs overlooking Pasig, Putoc and Taging. They reached this high ground at three o'clock yesterday and the men rested for another spell of hard work which was promised for the morning. As a matter of fact, the advance was not a complete success. It was intended to get the Philippines into a trap but they managed to retreat faster than the plans could be carried out. However the movement has succeeded in cutting off all communication between the north and south division of the Philippines. A large body is still at Palatoc and across the Taging river.

The gunboat *Laguna de Bay*, which has been of invaluable service to the Americans, has succeeded in eluding the obstruction in the river and is now in the bay, which it was named after. She will now be of even more service to the Americans. The patrol on the river has been re-inforced by the armed launch *Oesta*.

A large conflagration took place in the vicinity of Pandacan last night. No details yet to hand.

The transport *Grand Night* arrived here on Friday last with 1600 men. Major-General Lawton was on board. He will probably take active charge of military operations, relieving General Oils of his duty. His appointment to second in command in the Philippines is significant as expressing the President's appreciation of his service in Cuba.

A CHALLENGE FOR GENERAL OTIS.

According to the *Morning Post* Reuter's Agency is informed that the following telegram has just (15th Feb.) been received from Agoncillo in Montreal:—

"The statement of General Otis that he has a copy of a telegram from me, advising Aguinaldo to attack the Americans before the arrival of the reinforcements, is an absolute fabrication. I challenge General Otis to produce this telegram, and am convinced he cannot. On the contrary, I have always advocated friendship with America. I have received a dispatch from Hongkong, from the Junta there, stating that the American attack was premeditated. There was no justification for the action on the night of the 4th inst., when simultaneously the American army and navy commenced hostilities. The navy bombarded Malabon, Calocan, and Parangue, each of which places was unfortified. They killed women and children, and imprisoned pacificists in the city of Manila and in Tondo. They have caused great damage to property. The Americans threaten to exterminate the Filipinos. Every Filipino has but one sentiment—to die for the independence of his country rather than submit to the ambitions of the invader."

Reuter's Agency is further informed that the European Junta have received a later message from Manila by an indirect route, stating that the Filipinos have made all arrangements for a guerilla warfare round Manila, and that fighting has been in progress, without intermission, since February 4th. The Americans lost heavily in killed and wounded. Aguinaldo's headquarters are now at Marilao, near Calocan, but out of the range of fire from the ships in the bay.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

WEI-HAI-WEI.

(Feb. 13th.) Mr. Gibson Bowles asked whether Her Majesty's Government had received the reports of the officers sent to Wei-hai-Wei to make surveys and to obtain information, and whether any information could be given as to the plans of Her Majesty's Government with regard to that port, and especially as to whether they propose to fortify and garrison it; and whether Her Majesty's Government proposed to communicate to the House, before carrying them into effect, any plans they may finally form for dealing with Wei-hai-Wei.

Mr. Goschen.—Yes, the reports have been received. The question of the defence of the island and the necessary garrison to man them is far advanced and practically ripe for decision. Financial authority will have to be obtained in one form or another for any necessary expense, so that the proposals of the Government must necessarily come before the House of Commons. Certain provision, on a moderate scale, with regard to Wei-hai-Wei, will be included in the Navy Estimates.

Mr. Gibson Bowles.—Do I understand the right hon. gentleman to say Her Majesty's Government have decided to fortify and garrison the island?

Mr. Goschen.—I have stated that the question of defence is far advanced and practically ripe for decision. (Laughter.)

Mr. Fribank asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether, in view of the fact that Wei-hai-Wei was without cable communication with the Admiralty or Hongkong, and that there was constant risk of interruption by land telegraph, the Government would consider the desirability of laying a cable from Shanghai to Wei-hai-Wei.

Mr. Goschen said.—The important subject of telegraphic communication with Wei-hai-Wei has not escaped the attention of Her Majesty's Government, but I have no authority as yet for making a statement on the matter.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

Mr. Gibson Bowles asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether Her Majesty's Government had received from the French Government communication of the notes addressed by the Tsung-li Yamen to M. Duhalde, Chargé d'Affaires of the French Republic at Peking on April 9, 1898, and published in the French Yellow Book in October last, where the Chinese Government gives the French Government an assurance similar in terms to that given to Her Majesty's Government relative to the Yangtze region, that the three provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Yunnan bordering on Tong-King will not be ceded or leased to any other Power, and whereby the Chinese Government further grants to the French Government the right to construct a railway from the frontier of Tong-King to Yunnan-fu and undertakes to grant the land required for that purpose, and in addition gives to the French Government a lease of 99 years of the bay of Kowloon-Chow-wan as a naval station; and whether Her Majesty's Government were now able to lay upon the table of the House papers relating to those matters and to Chinese affairs generally, or if not now able, when they expected to be able to do so.

Mr. Brodrick.—The notes in question have not been communicated to us either by the French or Chinese Governments. Further papers relating to China will be presented as soon as possible. The voluminous character of the correspondence will cause some little delay in issuing them.

PAPERS ON THE CHINA QUESTION.

(14th.) Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman.—I beg to ask the First Lord of the Treasury a question of which I have given him private notice, namely, when will he be able to lay further papers on the table regarding China, the last instalment having been presented so far back as April of last year.

Mr. Balfour.—Sir, I am afraid I cannot provide a date for these papers. They are, I think, rather behindhand, and, as the right hon. gentleman knows, a further delay is consequent upon the necessity of consulting foreign Governments, which is very necessary to make an unduly prolonged period before papers are laid. I hope it will not be longer than a fortnight or three weeks, but I cannot make any pledge.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman.—The right hon. gentleman will observe that it is a very long interval considering the active nature of the negotiations since April last. (Hear, hear.)

THE PROPOSED PACIFIC CABLE.

(14th.) In reply to Mr. Hogan, Mr. Chamberlain said that no decision has yet been arrived at by the Imperial Government in co-operation with the Governments of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, in reference to the construction of a Pacific cable.

Intimations.

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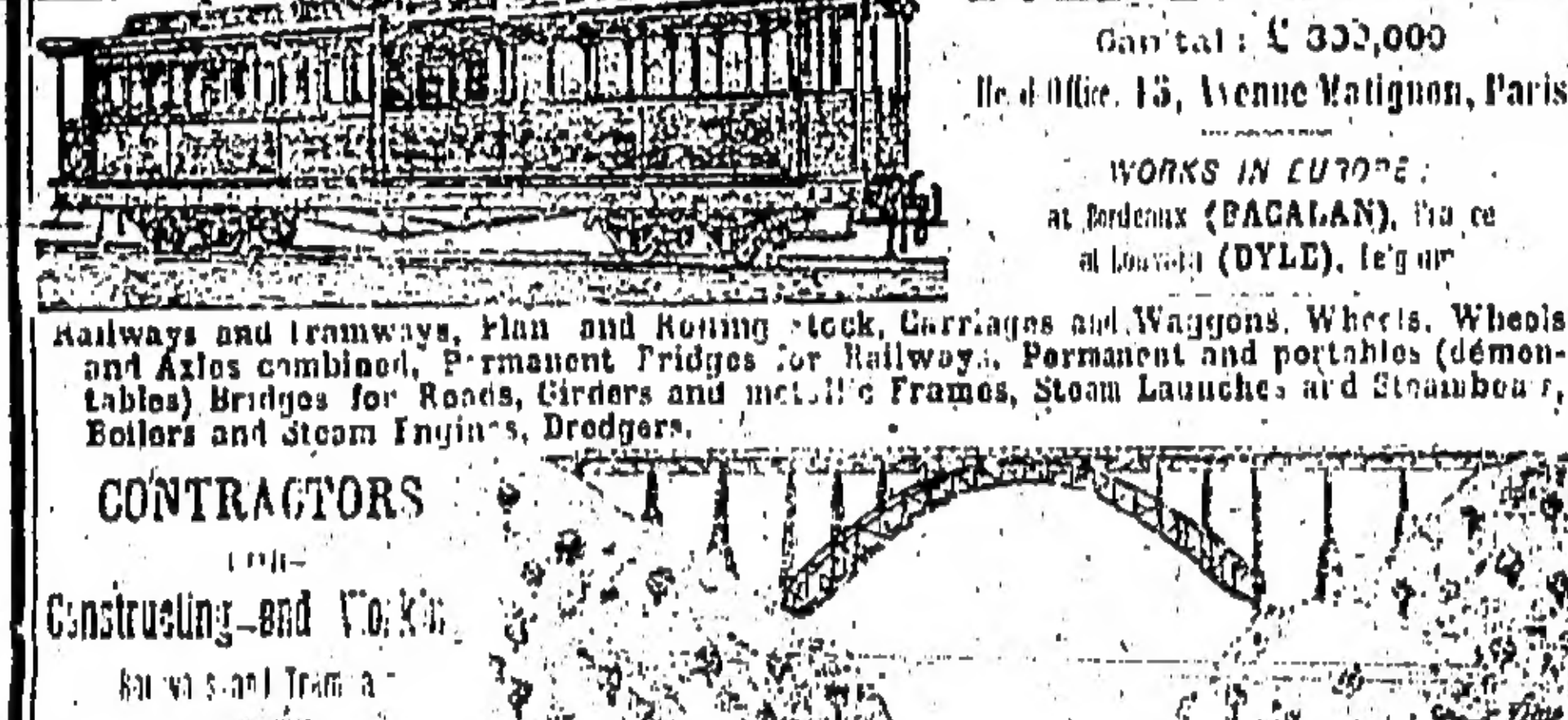
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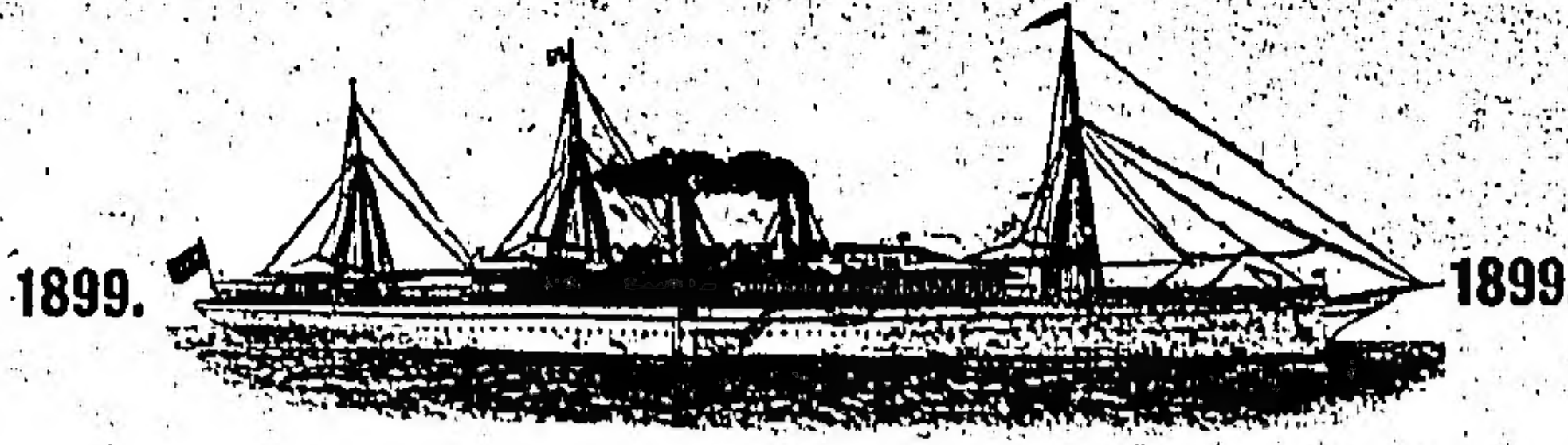
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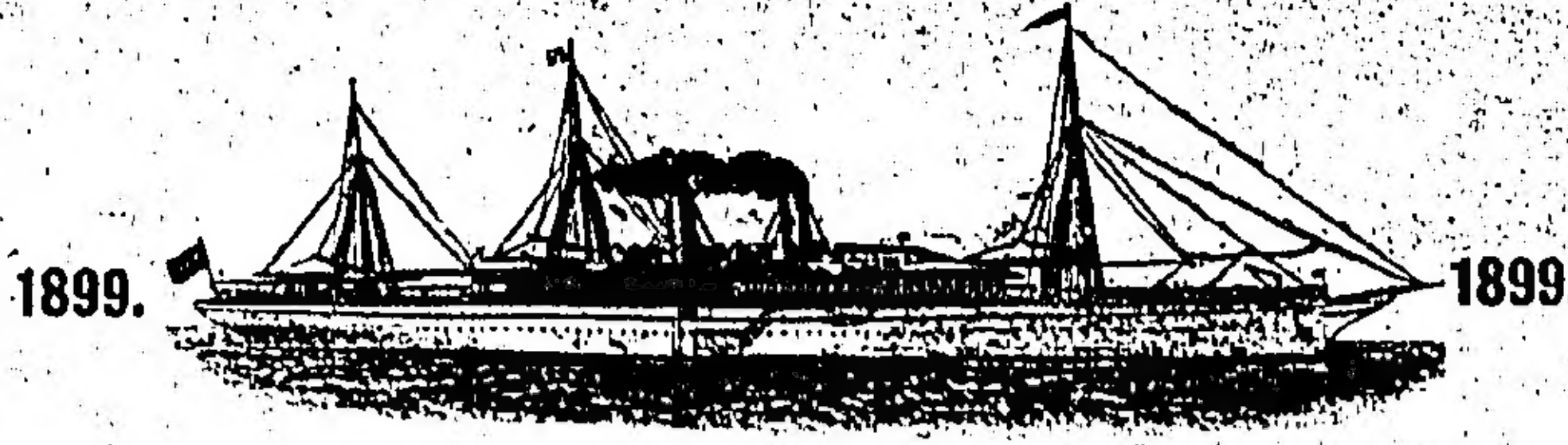
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